

CHAPTER 13

USEFUL WEB SITES

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: www.dot.state.tx.us

TxDOT's new website is very helpful and easy to navigate. For example, to find either the VTR page or the MVD page click "services" on the top blue ribbon of the title page. Then go to the right-hand menu for the division you wish to find.

The screenshot shows the Texas Department of Transportation website. The top navigation bar includes links for "About Us", "Careers", "Local Information", "News", "Programs", and "Services". The "Services" link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the "Services" section is highlighted. On the left, there is a sidebar with links for "Citizen", "Business", "Government", "Travel", and "FAQs". In the center, there are sections for "Divisions" and "Offices". On the right, there is a vertical menu listing various services, including "Aviation", "Bridge", "Business Opportunity Programs", "Civil Rights", "Construction", "Design", "Environmental Affairs", "Finance", "General Counsel", "General Services", "Government & Business Enterprises", "Human Resources", "Information Systems", "International Relations", "Maintenance", "Motor Carrier", "Motor Vehicle", "Public Information", "Public Transportation", "Research & Technology Implementation", "Right of Way", "Texas Turnpike Authority", "Traffic Operations", "Transportation Planning & Programming", "Travel", and "Vehicle Titles & Registration".

Annotations:

- A box labeled "Services" – Click here first." points to the "Services" link in the top navigation bar.
- A box labeled "Motor Vehicle Division" points to the "Motor Vehicle" link in the right-hand menu.
- A box labeled "Vehicle Titles & Registration Division" points to the "Vehicle Titles & Registration" link in the right-hand menu.

On the VTR page, not only will you find links to forms and other publications, but also lists of the VTR Regional Offices and County Tax Offices where you can call for local tax information. There is also a link to the flood-damaged vehicles database so you can check on suspicious vehicles before you buy.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION PAGE:



Direct links to MVD sites:

MVD Licensing information:

www.dot.state.tx.us/services/motor_vehicle/licensing/default.htm

MVD Lemon Law:

www.dot.state.tx.us/services/motor_vehicle/texas_lemon_law/default.htm

Shows and Displays of New Vehicles:

www.dot.state.tx.us/services/motor_vehicle/vehicle_shows.htm

OTHER USEFUL WEBSITES:

Office of the Consumer Credit Commissioner: www.occc.state.tx.us/

State Comptroller: www.cpa.state.tx.us/

Tax Forms: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/14-forms.html.

Certified Appraisal Form: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/14-128.pdf

Secretary of State: www.sos.state.tx.us

Department of Public Safety: www.txdps.state.tx.us

Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority: www.txwatchyourcar.com

Texas Attorney General: www.oag.state.tx.us.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation: www.license.state.tx.us.

Texas County Tax Office Listings (on VTR site):

www.dot.state.tx.us/services/vehicle_titles_and_registration/county_tax_offices/default.htm.

Texas Legislature online: www.capitol.state.tx.us

OHSA: www.osha.gov.

Federal Trade Commission: www.ftc.gov

FTC Advertising Guidance: www.ftc.gov/bcp/guides/guides.htm

FTC Business Forms (This site has info about Buyers Guide, Privacy Rule and others) <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menus/consumer/autos.shtm>

Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC – Patriot Act):

www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac.

Terrorist List: www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/prgrmlst.txt

Regulation M – Consumer Leasing:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/12cfr213_02.html